

OIL DEPOSITS IN AMAZON VALLEY

Brazilian Thinks Likely Field Is Being Overlooked.

RESOURCES NEGLECTED

Thinks Discoveries in Colombia and Venezuela Warrant Prospecting

NEW YORK, June 4.—Dr. J. C. Alves de Lima, Brazilian customs inspector, writes to the New York World that Brazil deserves the attention of geologists and oil prospector in view of the grand rush preceding all over the world for the finding of new fields of oil.

The belief among geologists is that oil is bound to give out in a few years so it is very natural that there should be certain anxiety and an ardent desire on the part of all nations to look for new sources for the future, notwithstanding the dear increment in price and an infinite number of industries.

By daily reading the papers, any body would imagine that the next war will bring about nations would be on account of oil each one trying to keep it under its own territory and never reaching for a moment even a thought of desertion. The great war that comes ought to flow as swiftly and placidly as the waters of our mighty Amazon, altho for the simple reason that nations like Brazilians will always depend on us for their mutual welfare and happiness just as we depend on our body, our whole body, our whole soul.

Resources Hardly Scratched.

Thinking not a professional, a scientist, and I may be able to produce some facts about my country, Brazil, and its great future possibilities as an oil producer. Brazil, as you all know, is a country hardly scratched, with the exception of a few intense agricultures and extensive raw products, quite a number of small industries, particularly in our southern states, are not enough to compare with that of the old nations. Nevertheless, that will not prevent us from gladly opening our coffee or tobacco or sugar markets to any one who has a desire to do business with us for their development. Especially does this apply to the United States. Baked by a hand of friendship with my country, a friend ship that has stood the test of two regimes without the least break in their cordiality, since the time of our consolidation from Brazil, we have been in constant touch on the other for its products both striving toward the same purpose, the same ideals.

When Dr. J. C. White, the American geologist, was in Brazil, under the commission of our federal government, a few years ago he drew some important conclusions as to our geological resources, asserting that Brazil had been the scene of many eruptions in the south of Brazil by volcanic

eruptions, giving rise to that large area of red-purple land which, under an intelligent cultivation, supplies more than two-thirds of the coffee consumed in the whole world and which, in United States, is our most important import. Just in lieu of investigating our oil fields in our southern states, we should look for the valley of the Amazon, where, in his opinion, no eruption had ever taken place.

Indications of Oil.

According to another authority, Dr. Amilio de Oliveira, of our geological commission, strong indications of oil have been found in the Paraná river, a tributary of the Paraná, and in its tributaries in the same range of mountains dividing Brazil from Paraguay.

Now, if these two countries have such rich mineral, in paying quantities, why not Brazil? If it is not probable that the geological structure of the valley of the Amazon should be the same as that of the Paraná, here is a problem worthy of being solved, of being thoroughly investigated by American capitalists, especially in a country where their capital shall be completely secured. Brazil has never resorted, on the spur of the moment, to retroactive measures. A contract, though hardly binding, is not a mere scrap of paper, but a promissory note far which nations, like individuals, must hold themselves responsible.

By looking over the map of northern Brazil, anyone will be able to see at a glance, how easy it will be for oil to be found in paying quantities, to transport to the United States, the advantages of our mighty Amazon and its numerous tributaries, a great many of which are navigable and offering, therefore, ample and sufficient draft for ocean steamers to hundreds of miles.

Starting from north to south, from 4 degrees above the equator to below the same, the American capitalist will also find indications of oil in Ceará, state of Maranhão, in the Arapiré mountains, state of Bahia, in several parts of the state of Alagoas, such as Maragogi, Camaragibe, Ilheus, etc., and they do speak of the Amazon, Rio Negro, Nova da Rainha, state of Bahia and in Maranhão, state of Bahia, Amazon impregnated with asphalt, the best indication of oil in Tampico, Mexico, are also found in Cunene, state of Bahia, São Pedro, Puerto Martínez, Alambra, Tiete and Ribeirão, state of São Paulo. These assets, known to all, are completely served by railroads, communications and fair commercial roads.

The indications of oil in the state of Parana, just south of the state of São Paulo, ought to deserve also special attention of the American capitalist, because they resemble very much the geological formations of the United States.

I could go on further and further, but it seems to me that I have said sufficient to convince the intelligent reader that the time has come for a better knowledge on the part of the American people toward the republics of the south, which the world's man, Theodore Roosevelt, prophesied would become the foremost country of this century.

As labor is always linked with capital, I may add that we Brazilians

Quaint and Old-Fashioned Are Costumes for Bride's Attendants



Senate Agriculturists Favor New Packer Bill

JAPS TO RECALL YAP ISLE TROOPS

General Plan of Bringing Forces Back to Japan Is Announced

By the Associated Press

TOKIO, June 4.—The Senate agricultural committee voted yesterday to report favorable the Senate's bill to recall the Japanese forces from the island of Yap, as a substitute for the bill passed by the house this week condoning the packing industry.

The Senate bill would place a tax on the packing industry under a five billion yen assessment while the house bill, which placed control in the hands of the raters of the rice-growing opposition to the packing industry.

The Japanese bill would increase the packers' taxation indefinitely when it reaches the conference.

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